



Testing Information for Greensboro Homeowner

A homeowner may obtain their own electrical permit, in accordance with Chapter 6 of Greensboro – Code of Ordinances if they occupy the property and the property is not intended for rent, sale, or gift. However, the homeowner is required to either provide satisfactory evidence of having previously passed the electrical NC State license examination or pass an examination equivalent to the state license examination. This permit is for the applicant only; it does not allow the applicant to employ anyone else for the electrical work unless the other person is licensed as an electrical contractor by the State of NC.¹

Please contact Pat Griffith Rose, Chief Electrical Inspector, with any questions and/or to make an appointment to take the electrical exam. Contact information is as follows:

E-mail: pat.rose@greensboro-nc.gov
Office Phone: 336-373-2459
Cell Phone: 336-451-3964
Fax: 336-373-4349

The exam is given at 300 W Washington St, Upper Ground level. It is recommended that the homeowner check in 15 minutes prior to their appointment at Development Services. Development Services is located on the left, through the glass doors as you enter from the Washington Street Entrance.

The homeowner should have at that time the following:

- Picture Id, with home address
- Completed application², (may be obtained and completed at Development Services)

An office copy of the 2008 National Electrical Code is available for use during the test.

There is no charge for the Homeowner's exam.

Upon verification of address and identity, the applicant is required to take an open book exam, (based on 2008 National Electrical Code); this must be completed at one sitting, however, there is not a time limit. The exam usually begins 8:15-8:30. The applicant must achieve a minimum score of seventy (70) to pass.

The first Tuesday of the month, the committee will examine the submitted documentation of each applicant for compliance of the standard. If approved, at that time, the homeowner shall be able to obtain their permit. This may be completed sooner, if requested.

¹Any person may be permitted to perform electrical work upon his own property except property Intended for rent, sale or gift provided he first makes application for and obtains a property owner's electrical permit from the electrical inspector for the work contemplated. The applicant shall either pass an examination equivalent to the state license examination for electrical contractors or furnish satisfactory evidence of having passed it, before the issuance of a permit, regardless of whether a license is required by state law. The electrical inspector shall then issue a permit to the applicant to perform the work for which applicant to employ the services of any other person to assist him unless such other person is duly licensed. The permit granted the applicant shall automatically expire upon completion of the work. All work done under permit shall be subject to regular electrical inspection Requirements and fees and shall satisfy all requirements applicable to work

²Application, also available on-line, fax or email, contact 336-373-2459